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HIPAA DDE Requirements

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What is DDE?



- A process, using dumb terminals or computer browser screens, where the data is directly keyed by a health care provider into a health plan's computer (from preamble to final transactions rule)
- Note that this is "data element by data element", not transaction by transaction

Web vs. DDE



- An Internet application may be DDE, it may not be
 - If application provides a screen which allow the direct entry of data into the health plan's system, it is DDE.
 - If the application takes the data and sends it as a transaction to the health plan, it is not DDE

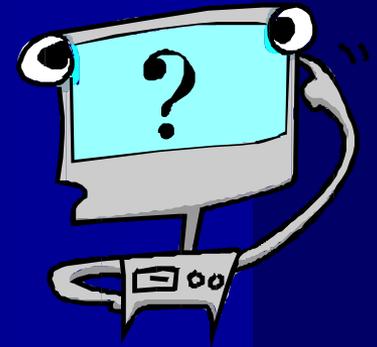
Regulation Requirements

- 162.923(b)
 - Providers electing to use DDE must use applicable data content and data condition requirements, not the format requirements
- 162.925(a)(4)
 - Health plan cannot offer an incentive to use DDE



What does all this mean?

- Health plans must support the standard transactions (via EDI)
- Health plans can give providers an option to use DDE, but are not obligated to do so
- No incentives (e.g. additional reimbursement, quicker payment) for using DDE



What does this mean



- Data content must be the same
 - Data elements
(except those for formatting or control)
must be there
 - Must use the same conditions
(required, situational)
 - Must use same code sets
 - Must label data elements the same
(but can add additional explanation)

What does this mean?

- Health plans can use a business associate to offer a DDE option



“Customizing DDE”



- Since DDE is an option, health plans can offer it in limited circumstances
 - Only for certain providers
 - Only for certain situations and not for others (e.g. no COB situations)
- Transaction can reflect required/situational data elements for those situations

“Customizing DDE”

- DDE screens can display data health plan already has
- Size of fields
 - Can be anywhere from minimum to maximum
- Number of repetitions
 - Can be anywhere from minimum to maximum

Customizing DDE

What is NOT Allowed

- Cannot require additional data to be entered complete the transactions
- Cannot provide additional data on a response transaction (but can offer option on additional screens)
- Cannot force the use of DDE instead of the standard EDI transaction

Summary

- Plans can provide DDE systems as an option to provider
- DDE systems must be made HIPAA data content compliant
- DDE systems can be customized
- But no incentives to use DDE
- Regular EDI standard must be offered

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